

comments, release etc

6 messages

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To: Morgan Jackson <mjackson@nexusstrategies.com>, **Sadie Weiner**, **Ken Eudy**, **William McKinney**, **Noelle Talley**, **Kristi Jones, Jordan Whichard**, **J Owen**




Stephen Bryant, Jenni Owen

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 8:33 AM

Here are the drafts as they stand.

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-  **Q&A.docx**
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Ken Eudy

To: **Julia White**, **Sadie Weiner**, **William McKinney**, **Noelle Talley**, **Kristi Jones, Jordan Whichard**, **Stephen Bryant, Jenni Owen**, **Noelle Talley**

William McKinney

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 10:24 AM

TWO Qs AND As:

Q: The pipeline has a lifespan of 40 or 50 years. How can you consign the state to this carbon pipeline for two more generations?

A: We are captive to only to our inability to guarantee electricity when the sun doesn't shine and the wind doesn't blow. We need better, more affordable technology to store electricity produced by renewables. We need a smarter grid to manage our electricity use more efficiently. We will get there, but we need to make sure that, in the meantime, we have reliable electricity to power our economy.

I will work every day to make sure that renewable energy continues to grow in North Carolina. Nothing could be finer than to be in a renewable North Carolina.

Q: How can you let this environmental injustice take place?

A: DEQ has questioned ACP about communities through which this pipeline will run. Between the mitigation ACP has offered to communities, and the Mitigation Trust Fund we are establishing, we believe we should be able to address any concerns. (The other point I would make is that the people in eastern North Carolina have been clear: they want jobs. We believe that with the mitigation fund, we can make natural gas more readily available to companies that will be willing to locate in eastern North Carolina.

Ken Eudy

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Sadie Weiner

Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 10:37 AM

To: Ken Eudy
Cc: Julia White, Morgan Jackson <mjackson@nexusstrategies.com>, William McKinney, William McKinney, Noelle Talley, Kristi Jones, Jordan Whichard, Stephen Bryant, Jenni Owen, Noelle Talley

Do we need a Q more specifically on sacred tribal lands? Or one that says, "environment advocates say Virginia could be close to denying the pipeline but your approval all but guarantees this pipeline will move forward, how do you respond"

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Sadie Weiner

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Wed, Jan 24, 2018 at 10:39 AM

Eric Holl, Samantha Cole, Jamal Little, Hafford Porter, Paul Barker


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Sadie Weiner

Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 8:46 AM

To: Ken Eudy, Julia Little, Morgan Jackson <mjackson@nexusstrategies.com>, William McKinney
Cc: William McKinney, Noelle Talley, Kristi Jones, Jordan Whichard, Kristi Jones, Jordan Whichard

Updates here. Note the last gra agreed to the release - pulled from DEQ's draft.

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Sadie Weiner

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 Friday Talking Points v3.docx
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 Q&A v3.docx
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Sadie Weiner

Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 1:08 PM

To: **Ken Eudy**

Cc: **Julia White**, **Morgan Jackson** <mjackson@nexusstrategies.com>, **William McKinney**,
William McKinney, **Kristi Jones**, **Stephen Bryant**, **Noelle Talley**,
Noelle Talley, **Jordan Whichard**, **Jenni Owen**, **H. Porter**,
H. Porter

Updates here to reflect bridge edit. + Ford who is working on talkers for legislators. I will share to boss.

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Sadie Weiner

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 **Friday Talking Points v4.docx**
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Governor Cooper urges environmental mitigation, careful scrutiny as pipeline moves forward

RALEIGH: North Carolina will work toward a carbon neutral goal and rural economic development with the establishment of the North Carolina Mitigation Trust , Governor Roy Cooper said Friday.

The announcement comes as the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality issues the requested water permit for the Atlantic Coast Pipeline (ACP).

ACP and its partners Dominion Power and Duke Energy will put \$58.7 million into the fund to be used for environmental mitigation initiatives such as reducing the carbon footprint and expansion of renewable energy sources, as well as access to natural gas in eastern North Carolina to help with economic development.

“My goal for North Carolina is full reliance on renewable energy to build our future in an environmentally sound way,” Cooper said. “But until we can run fully on renewable energy, -natural gas serves as a bridge toward a carbon neutral future and away from the pollution from coal-fired plants.”

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NC DEQ will also carefully monitor construction and operation of the pipeline, which has conditional water permits from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the state of West Virginia and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

“Preserving clean water and the integrity of the communities where this pipeline is constructed will be a priority,” Cooper said. “I have asked our environmental regulators at DEQ to continue to insist on clean water, effective sedimentation control and high air quality along the path of the construction. The same people who write the permits also will be diligent in holding the project accountable for water, land and air safety.”

[Paragraph here about what DEQ has required in environmental mitigation thru the permitting process?]

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DRAFT: Jan. 24, 2018
ACP comments

The Atlantic Coast Pipeline answers an energy need for North Carolina. It also must make good on the promise of economic growth.

The energy need is that natural gas will be used to generate more of our electricity, producing less CO2 in the process.

The ultimate goal is an energy future powered with 100% renewables. North Carolina is second in the country with solar energy and battery storage research is moving forward.

Until that goal is achieved, North Carolina needs a bridge to the future with natural gas to keep North Carolinians working and good paying jobs.

With this power source, we can recruit jobs, economic development and growth where our state needs it most.

More than 4,000 jobs and economic activity, and \$X every year in property tax revenue will result from ACP construction.

I challenge Dominion Resources and Duke Energy: You've promised that the ACP will bring jobs to eastern North Carolina. Make your promise come true..

Produce the jobs, provide natural gas and do it while being good stewards of North Carolina's land and water.

To help make sure they do, we have established a trust fund that will provide \$57.8 million toward environmental mitigation and economic development along the path of the pipeline.

This fund, provided by the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, will be dedicated solely to North Carolina.

It has two purposes: First, making this region of our state more carbon neutral. In other words, to establish renewable and cost-saving energy projects.

Fossil-fuel use mostly powers North Carolina now, but we are moving away from that dependence and toward a more renewable and cleaner energy future. Renewables like solar, wind-powered energy, biomass and more.

[Paris Accord, CPP comments]

[solar MOU discussion and legislation]

Second, it will be used to spur economic development in business-ready communities in eastern North Carolina that lack easy or affordable access to natural gas.

We will be asking the public to share recommendations on how best to use this fund for North Carolina's future.

At the same time, we will be carefully monitoring the construction project.

While the pipeline presents a promise, for some residents it's a change to their way of life or the lay of the land and waters in their communities.

North Carolina's environmental regulators take this seriously. Our DEQ permitting staff members have asked the right questions, pushing when they needed more information and studying the pipeline proposal intently.

They will continue to insist on clean water, effective sedimentation control and high air quality along the path of the construction. The same people who write the permits also will be diligent in holding the project accountable for water, land and air safety.

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- How much of the fund goes to environment vs. economic development?

Our overall goals are to find ways to mitigate the overall environmental impact of the pipeline to reduce the carbon footprint. We will ask our environmental experts at DEQ to find ways promote renewables while reducing costs. At the same time, we want to extend the economic opportunity promise to the most-needed areas of the state along the pipeline with projects like gas line extensions that can deliver jobs or create the opportunity for economic growth.

- Who will decide how much and when?

We will appoint directors to solicit projects and make these decisions.

- What do you say to the property owner from your hometown who didn't want the project?

That I understand and share the concerns, and that we plan to make sure the ACP keeps to its word and does the least damage possible.

- How can you say we're pro-renewables and still using fossil fuels?

It's my goal to turn North Carolina toward a future of energy independence with a focus on renewables. For now, natural gas remains a current and cleaner opportunity than coal fired plants, so we need a bridge to the future.

- Your DEQ hasn't gotten a handle on GenX, how can you manage the pipeline?

We have stopped the decades of discharge at Chemours, and we will be vigilant in making sure the ACP sticks to its word.

- When will we see the economic development payoff?

It can't be soon enough, but since we are just at the beginning of this multi-year project it will be some time. What we can hope is that it puts economic success within reach of some of the most economically disadvantaged and distant rural areas of our state.